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DEDICATION DAY

December 14th dawned bright and clear, and at 9:30 a.m. the Board of Regents began its meeting, the first to be held in the Board Room of the new National Library of Medicine building. The floor was still bare, and tables and chairs had been borrowed specially for this event, but it was a beginning. The Board discussed several matters of substance and agreed on their disposition; the members then toured the building and had a picnic lunch at the Board Room campsite.

By 2:30 the crowd was arriving for the dedication ceremonies; twelve hundred chairs had been placed in the Main Reading Room, and all of them were required. The Army Band was playing, and the building had a festive look despite the massive signs of incompletion everywhere except in the Main Reading Room. The finish ceiling of the lobby was not in place; glazing of the windows around the high roof had not begun; makeshift temporary paneling had been erected around three sides of the rotunda.

At 3 p.m. the speakers were on the platform, backed by the members of the Board of Regents. Dr. Worth B. Daniels, Chairman of the Board, introduced many of the distinguished guests and read a special message from President Kennedy. Secretary Ribicoff and Senator Hill gave stirring addresses. On behalf of his government Ambassador Liatis of Greece presented a slip from the Hippocrates plane tree which grows on the island of Cos; next spring this slip will be planted on the Library's grounds.

In the evening there was a gala dinner at the Sheraton Park Hotel attended by present and past members of the Board of Regents, officers of the Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library and the Friends of the Armed Forces Medical Library, and the NLM's officers. Their guests were Senator Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Berry, Mr. Boisfeuillet Jones, and the speakers at the next day's symposium. Dr.William B. Bean, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board, entertained with a hilarious lecture.

On December 15th, after guided tours and conversation over coffee in the rotunda, the dedication of the new building was concluded with a symposium on "Books and Medicine." Speakers were General Joseph H. McNinch, Miss Gertrude L. Annan, Dr. Carl W. Condit, Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, Dr. Bean, Dr. Estelle Brodman, Dr. Dorothy M. Schullian, Dr. Frank B. Rogers.

The Director and staff of the NLM wish to thank all those who participated in the dedication program, all those who attended and all who sent warm greetings, for their help in marking this momentous occasion for the National Library of Medicine.

Now the staff must buckle down to the job of moving in the spring and getting squared away for the big tasks which lie ahead.

"AUSTIN" APPEARS

On December 5 the Library received from the printer the first copies of Robert B. Austin's Early American Medical Imprints, 1668-1820. All we can say is that the work seems to justify the fifteen years of preparation it required. It lists 2,106 works, indicates the holdings of some 35 libraries, and contains a chronological index. It is offered for sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $1 per copy.

It is a pleasure to note the first amendment to Austin. As item 1083, Austin lists the 1775 first edition of John Jones' Plain concise practical remarks on the treatment of wounds and fractures, noting that NLM possesses this edition only in photocopy. Now, through the generosity of Dr. D. Rees Jensen of New York City, the Library has acquired one of the seven known existing copies of this important work.

CUMULATED INDEX MEDICUS, VOLUME 2

Arrangements between the National Library of Medicine and the American Medical Association have been made for publication of Volume 2 of Cumulated Index Medicus with a view to improving the scheduling so that CIM may appear by the end of February 1962.

On November 1 the National Library of Medicine began a two-shift machine operation for preparing and assembling the manuscript. The author section was shipped to the AMA on the first of December; the subject section followed, and the last segment was delivered before Christmas.

The American Medical Association will sell Volume 2 at $35 for the set of three volumes ($40 outside the U. S. and Canada). Subscriptions should be sent to the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn, Chicago 10, Illinois.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, 1962/1963

The sixth internship program has been announced by the National Library of Medicine, under which three outstanding 1962 library school graduates will be appointed to librarian positions for the period September 4, 1962, through September 2, 1963. These interns will have work assignments in all divisions and will also participate in a series of lectures, seminars, and visits to other libraries in the area.

Plans for recruiting candidates include visits to five midwestern schools (Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Western Reserve, Wisconsin) in February. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 16, 1962; names of successful candidates will be announced in April. Forms and information on application procedure are available from the Director.

NLM MOTION PICTURE

Early in 1961 it was decided that a motion picture would be made to show the Library's resources and its operations in the new building. The scenes for this documentary film, to be prepared by the Audiovisual Section, Communicable Disease Center of the Public Health Service, will be taken over a period of several months. Progress to date includes the preparation of the script, completion of the 1887 building record and most of the historical record. Another group of scenes was filmed on dedication day in December. The film is expected to be completed late in 1962.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT B. AUSTIN

On November 9, 1961, Mr. Robert B. Austin retired after thirty-three years of service at NLM. During these years he served in a number of positions and made valuable contributions to the development of the Library and to medical librarianship generally. His Early American medical imprints; a guide to works printed in the United States, 1668-1820, which came off the press last month, is a landmark in Mr. Austin's career as well as in the bibliography of medical Americana.

Mr. Austin has now assumed the duties of Deputy Librarian of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.

RUSSIAN SERIALS ON FILM

The NLM has prepared negative microfilm of certain Russian medical journals, and libraries may acquire positive microfilm copies by placing an order with the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

The titles of the journals for which microfilm is now available are given below, together with the prices supplied by the LC Photoduplication Service. Another group of titles on film will be announced in the near future.

Akademiia nauk SSSR. Izvestiia. Seriia biologicheskaia.
1936-59. 20 reels, $151.

Akademiia nauk SSSR. Institut fiziologii imeni I.P.Pavlova.
Trudy. v. 1-8, 1952-59. 4 reels, $30.

Akademiia nauk SSSR. Institut mikrobiologii. Trudy.
v. 1-6, 1951-59. 2 reels, $12.25.

Akademiia nauk SSSR. Institut vysshei nervnoi deiatel'nosti.
Seriia fiziologicheskaia. Trudy.
v. 1-3, 1955-59. 1 reel, $8

Fiziologicheskii zhurnal SSSR imeni I.M. Sechenova.
v. 1-14, 1918-31; v. 17-45, 1934-59. 28 reels, $222.

Referativnyi zhurnal. Khimiia. Biologicheskaia khimiia.
1955-59. 20 reels, $174.

Trudy fiziologicheskikh laboratorii imeni I.P. Pavlova.
v. 1-4, 1926-32; v. 6-16, 1936-49. 5 reels, $41.

Uspekhi sovremennoi biologii.
v. 2-48, 1933-59. 24 reels, $167.

Zhurnal obshchei biologii.
v. 1-20, 1940-59. 10 reels, $75.

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

Russian Surgical Staplers. Public Health Service Publication No. 871. 47 p.

This publication, compiled by Stanley Jablonski of the NLM's Bibliographic Services Division, was received in the Library on November 9. It contains 136 abstracts of Russian and other foreign journal articles on stapling devices and suturing techniques used in surgery. An index to the apparatus and a glossary are supplied. Copies are available on request to the Director, National Library of Medicine.

Use of funds for printing this publication approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, February 26, 1960

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